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## GOV. EASLEY AWARDS \$336,000 IN CDBG FUNDS TO AID TWO COMMUNITIES

**RALEIGH** – Gov. Mike Easley announced today that the city of Henderson and Caswell County will receive a total of \$336,000 in North Carolina Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for neighborhood improvements. The money will be used to make street and sidewalk improvements, and connect 30 families in two communities to public water and sewer systems.

"Our community development program is designed to enable communities to build stronger neighborhoods and better opportunities for our citizens," said Easley. "These funds help us improve the economic well being and quality of life for the people of our state."

Caswell County, a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community, was awarded \$120,000 in CDBG infrastructure funds to construct a sewer line in the Suburban Mobile Home Park in the town of Yanceyville to eliminate 18 failed septic tanks. The 21st Century program is a collaboration between member counties and the N.C. Department of Commerce to restore and retain economic vitality in areas hardest hit by global market changes.

The city of Henderson received a \$216,000 CDBG housing development infrastructure grant to be used to assist a developer build 12 single-family homes for low-income residents in a city subdivision. CDBG funds will be used to help pay for the installation of streets and sidewalks as well as public water and public sewer connections.

Small Cities CDBG funding is allocated to the state from the federal government's Department of Housing and Urban Development to distribute to local governments for community improvements in low- to moderate-income areas. The N.C. Department of Commerce's Division of Community Assistance administers the program.

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